Sea-erosion in Purba Medinipur district

2709. SHRI MUKUL ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the Bay of Bengal has been threatening the coast line in Purba Medinipur District;

(b) whether the State Government of West Bengal had asked for technical assistance and fund for protection from sea erosion of the sea-side resorts in Dighu and Sankarpur in Purba Medinipur District; and

(c) if so, what has been the response of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes Sir, as per the information provided by the Government of West Bengal, a part of the coastline of Purba Medinipur district is suffering from severe erosion.

(b) and (c) Government of West Bengal submitted a proposal for an estimated cost of Rs. 256.23 crore in June 2002 for inclusion in the proposed National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The proposal, *inter-alia*, includes construction of sea-wall for a length of 1.646 kms at Digha in Purba Medinipur district. As the NCPP has been planned for seeking external funding, an approach paper on coastal protection prepared by Ministry of Water Resources has been forwarded to Asian Development Bank (ADB) by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). ADB has approved administering technical assistance to the Government of India for technical study on "Integrated Coastal Management and Related Investment Development".

Review of the recommendation of Cauvery Tribunal

2710. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments have rejected the recommendation of the Cauvery Tribunal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to review the recommendation of the Tribunal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) by an Order dated 10th May, 2006 has directed its Registry to make available the reports/ notes of Assessors to the party States for comments within five weeks and further comments within three weeks. The party States have filed their comments. The CWDT in its hearing on 10th July, 2006 has taken note of the comments/cross comments filed by the party States and further Order on these comments/cross comments has been reserved by the Tribunal.

Rehabilitation of Narmada oustees

2711. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shunglu Committee which was set up on Supreme Court's direction found no major discrepancy in the Action Taken Report of the Madhya Pradesh State Government showing the status of rehabilitation of Narmada oustees;

(b) if so, what is the status of such oustees in Gujarat and other affected States; and

(c) whether any final date has been fixed when this rehabilitation would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Narmada Control Authority based on the clearances given by its Sub-Groups and fulfilment of the requirements laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court gives permission to raising of the Sardar Sarovar Dam height in stages. The NCA gave permission to raise the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam from EL 110.64 m to EL 121.92 m in the 76th Emergency meeting held on 8.3.2006, after following the procedure laid down in the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award and Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 18th October, 2000 and 15th March, 2005.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister in response to the reference made by the Hon'ble Minister (WR) and observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 17th April, 2006 decided to constitute Sardar Sarovar Project Resettlement & Rehabilitation Oversight Group (OSG) headed by Shri V.K. Shunglu to verify the status of rehabilitation in Madhya Pradesh of the families affected by raising the height of the dam from EL 110.64 m to EL 121.92 m as per the approved design.